



Arizona Medical Board

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February 17, 2009

Gregory J. Porter, M.D.
1701 W Saint Marys Rd # C-117
Tucson AZ 85745-2621

RE: Gregory J. Porter, M.D.
Case # MD-08-0592A

Dear Dr. Porter:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that during the course of the February 4-5, 2009 public meeting, the Arizona Medical Board (Board) reviewed the above-referenced complaint and all pertinent evidence and information gathered during the investigation. At the conclusion of its review, the Board voted to issue you this Advisory Letter for initiating Methadone at a higher dose than recommended for the patient's chronic pain. This matter does not rise to the level of discipline. Within 6 months obtain 15-20 hours non-disciplinary CME in prescribing opioids.

An advisory letter is a non-disciplinary action, and is not subject to review by either the Board or the Courts. See *Murphy v. Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Arizona*, 190 Ariz. 441, 949 P.2d 530 (App. 1997). However, you may file a written response to the letter with the Board within thirty days after its receipt A.R.S. § 32-1451(E)(3). If timely received, the response will be attached to the advisory letter and maintained in your permanent file. The written response will also be hyperlinked to your profile on the Board's website.

Please contact Kathleen Muller, Compliance, at 480-551-2716 prior to registering for CME, for pre-approval.

Sincerely,

Mary Bober

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cc: Permanent File
CME Order

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **GREGORY J. PORTER, M.D.**

4 Holder of License No. 14879
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine

6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-08-0592A

**ORDER FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL
EDUCATION**

(NON-DISCIPLINARY)

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8 At its public meeting on February 4-5, 2009 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") issued an
9 Advisory Letter to Gregory J. Porter, M.D. ("Physician") for initiating Methadone at a higher dose
10 than recommended for the patient's chronic pain. In addition, the Board voted to require Physician
11 to obtain 15-20 hours of non-disciplinary Continuing Medical Education in prescribing opioids
12 within six (6) months.

13 **ORDER**

14 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician shall obtain 15-20 hours of Board Staff pre-
15 approved Category I Continuing Medical Education ("CME") in prescribing opioids within six (6)
16 months of the date of this Order, and provide Board Staff with satisfactory proof of attendance.
17 The CME hours shall be in addition to the hours required for biennial renewal of his medical
18 license. Respondent's failure to complete the CME will subject him to future disciplinary action by
19 the Board. A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r).

20 DATED this 17th day of February, 2009.



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By 
LISA S. WYNN
Executive Director

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2 **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing filed this
3 17th day of February, 2009 with:

4 Arizona Medical Board
5 9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road
6 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

7 **EXECUTED COPY** of the foregoing
8 Mailed by US Mail this 17th day of February, 2009 to:

9 Gregory J. Porter, M.D.
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